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National Park Service Initiates Environmental Impact Statement at Point Reyes National Seashore and the North District of Golden Gate National Recreation Area

October 31, 2018

Hello James,

The NPS is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Point Reyes National Seashore General Management Plan Amendment (GMP Amendment). The GMP Amendment will update management guidance for more than 28,000 acres of NPS land, including all lands currently leased for ranching.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) and park newsletter initiate the 30-day public comment period, and describe the range of alternatives for the plan, from 20-year agricultural lease/permits with diversification and increased operational flexibility, to reduced ranching, no dairy ranching, and no ranching alternatives. The alternatives also address the management of tule elk in the planning area.

The proposed action would allow existing ranch families to continue beef and dairy operations with 20 year lease/permits by employing a conservation framework on ranch lands allowing for different intensities of use. Tule elk in the Drakes Beach area would be managed at a level compatible with authorized ranching. The proposed action would also identify improvements to the visitor experience, management strategies to protect park resources, and visitor carrying capacities within the planning area.

The 30-day public comment period closes on November 30, 2018. During the comment period, the park will host two open house meetings at the following locations:

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
5-7 p.m.
West Marin School Gym
Point Reyes Station, CA

Thursday, November 15, 2018
5-7 p.m.
Bay Model Visitor Center
Sausalito, CA

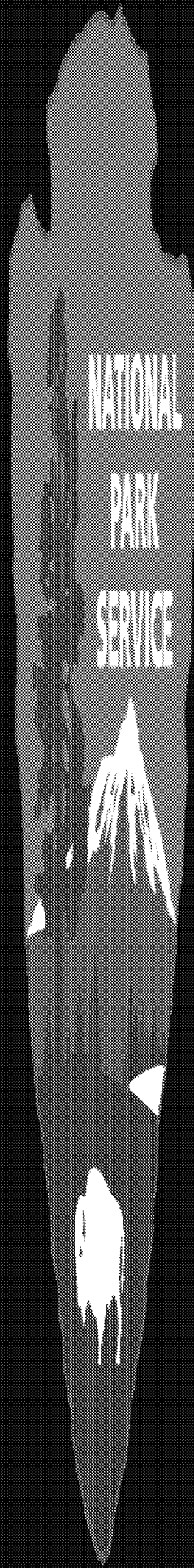
Direct links to the initial scoping newsletter, NOI, and press release are also included below.

Newsletter: <http://go.nps.gov/pore/gmpanoinl>
Notice of Intent: <http://go.nps.gov/pore/gmpanoi>
News Release: <http://go.nps.gov/pore/nrnoi>

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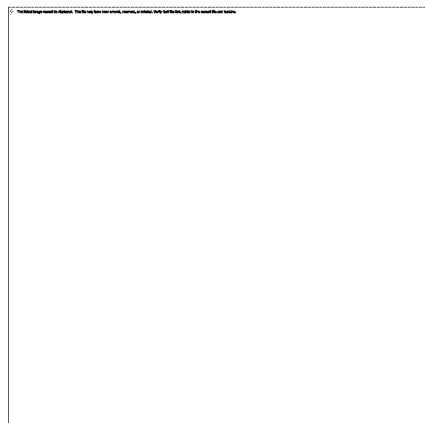
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